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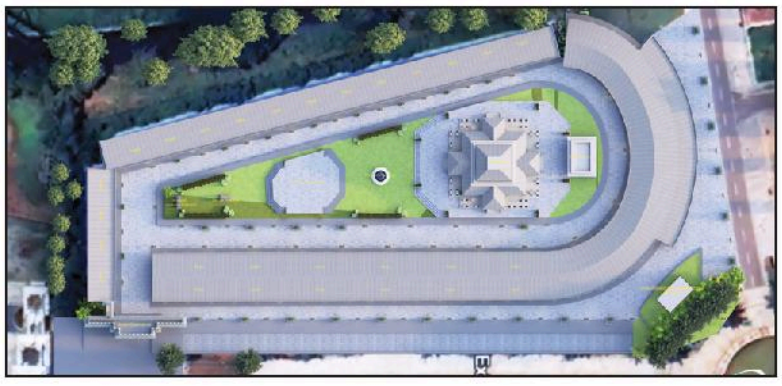
Dasara Exhibition Grounds to get major makeover

Rs. 20 crore boost for Belur-Halebid style renovation; year-round musical fountains planned



KEA Chairman Ayub Khan addressing a press meet in city this morning. He is flanked by KEA CEO K. Rudresh (extreme left) and City Congress President R. Murthy. Picture right shows proposed design of the Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&BCT)- The State Cabinet has allocated Rs. 20 crore to the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) to transform the Dasara Exhibition into a year-round event instead of a three-month affair. Announcing the initiative, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan stated that various plans are underway to enhance the Exhibition's public appeal.

Speaking at a press conference at his office this morning, Ayub Khan mentioned that the fund release orders are awaited and the tender process will commence once they are received, with work expected to begin by the end of March.

The move follows the success of last year's Dasara Exhibition, which was praised for its Wooden Palace, vibrant lighting and stalls. To keep tourists entertained throughout the year, a grant request for Rs. 20 crore was made and the Chief Minister approved it.

Ahead of the next Dasara, 'Block A' of the Exhibition Grounds will be developed in the style of Belur and Halebid at a cost of Rs. 10 crore.

(See EXHIBITION on page 7)

One injured as huge tree trunk falls

Two autorickshaws, bike damaged; residents stage snap stir

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (GA&VNS)- One person was injured and two auto rickshaws and a motorcycle were damaged when a huge trunk of tree fell on them on 14th Main Road in Saraswathipuram here this morning. The injured person, identified as Mahadeva, a vegetable vendor, was shifted a private hospital for treatment.

Following the incident, several electrical, telephone, WiFi cables were damaged. Soon, CESC personnel and Saraswathipuram Police rushed to the spot to ensure no further damage occurred. Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) Abhaya team also visited the spot to clear the fallen tree for smooth movement of traffic.

Local residents also staged a snap stir against the authorities for not responding to their complaints with requests to cut the tree. The MCC, which had written to the Forest Department, was waiting for the clearance.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 22nd February 2025

'Kalemane Kalashree' Awards to be presented tomorrow

Vid. Mohan Kumar *Dr. Srinivas* *Vid. Shankar* *Vid. Sankar*

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 53rd International Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage on Feb. 23 at 4 pm. Also, 3rd Annual Sri Purandara Tyagaraja Sangeeta Mahotsava will be held tomorrow.

On this occasion, four distinguished artistes who have made significant contributions to the field of music will be honoured with 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award-2025.

Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy and retd. Tahsildar Dr. V. Ranganath will be the chief guests. 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award will be presented to Vid. K.S. Mohan Kumar, Dr. M.V. Srinivas Murthy, Vid. M.K. Shankar and Vid. Madurai R. Sankar Prasad.

After the felicitation, a group rendition of Sri Tyagaraja's and Sri Purandara Dasa's Pancharatna Kritis and devotional compositions will be performed by renowned music Gurus and their disciples.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

FORGE AHEAD WITHOUT FEAR: ***Many of us tend to approach a new year — be it a calendar year or an academic or financial year — with a mixture of hope, anticipation, and a certain amount of fear. If the year gone by has been good or uneventful, we are less nervous. On the contrary, if it has been trying and has tested our strengths, we tend to forget that we have overcome the hurdles but are worried sick that it will pan out even worse.***

One must remember that life is a continuum — like an ever-flowing river with the rough and the smooth alternating. Life is never an unmixed blessing. Its course rarely runs smooth all the time. We rise, we fall, we stumble, and we adapt and emerge from the most calamitous events, wiser and more resilient. To get mired in self-doubt is doing gross injustice to oneself and to the strength that can come from faith in the Supreme and from a few good people in the world around.

Just before Christmas, the home of a good friend who lives abroad had been completely gutted. It was the neighbour who alerted him to the blaze. His cherished possessions were reduced to ashes, and the household effects were rendered useless. Insurance covered a part of the damage, and alternate accommodation was provided. Friends on social media offered kind and comforting words and help. They were happy he survived.

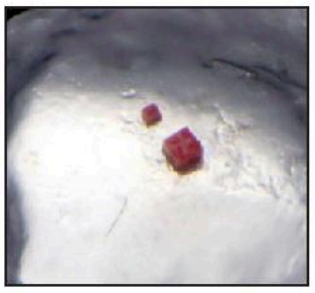
He was extremely distraught but emerged a changed man. He now wants to lead a minimalist life and reduce his possessions. He prioritised what was important going forward — family, true friends, and using his talents in bettering the lives of others. One year ago, he wouldn't have in his wildest dreams expected a nightmare like this. But with faith and prayer, he dealt with it stoically. And not long after, when another fire broke out in another part of the world, he realised he was not alone.

Perhaps the way to face a new phase is to live without fear or constant dread and nip negative thoughts the moment they surface. Energy healers remind us that negativity will only aid in attracting problems. Worrying won't even help when you are in the throes of one, as it will cloud your thinking. Remember that if you place your faith in the Supreme and always do right, strength will come to help you face whatever trials are sent your way in the new phase.

—Sudha Umashanker in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Lego sculpture the size of a blood cell

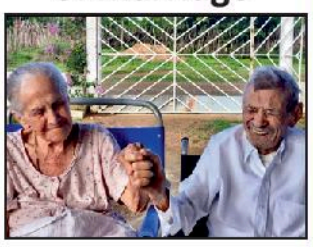


Bournemouth: An artist from Bournemouth in England broke a Guinness World Record when he created a sculpture of a Lego brick roughly the same size as a human white blood cell.

David A. Lindon's Lego brick sculpture measures just .02517 millimetres (.00099 inches) by .02184 millimetres (.00086 inches), about four times smaller than the previous record-holder for the smallest handmade sculpture.

The sculpture — along with two slightly larger Lego bricks he made at the same time — had to be officially measured by a light microscope by a team at Evident Scientific. He said he does all of his work at night so the vibrations from daytime traffic don't interfere with his work.

Couple celebrates 84 years, 77 days of marriage



Rio: A Brazilian couple whose wedding was in 1940 officially took the Guinness World Record for the longest marriage for a living couple.

Manoel Angelim Dino, 105, and Maria de Sousa Dino, 101, were awarded the title when Guinness World Records and LongeviQuest, a website that tracks data about centenarians and super-centenarians, verified they had been married for 84 years and 77 days as of Valentine's Day.

The duo met in 1936 and were married at the chapel of Boa Ventura in Ceará, Brazil, in 1940.

The couple raised 13 children, and now have 55 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The longest marriage ever lasted for 88 years and 349 days. David Jacob Hiller and Sarah Davy Hiller were married in 1809 in Canada.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the type of kidney stones?

Calcium oxalate stones, uric acid stones, cystine stones (common in children) and magnesium ammonium phosphate stones (occurs in infected urine).

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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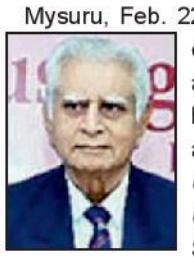
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Talk on 'The Universe and Us' by Dr. H.S. Shivanna tomorrow



Dr. Shivanna

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Mysore Literary Association (MLA) has organised a talk on *'The Universe and Us'* by Dr. H.S. Shivanna, Academician, at 11 am on Feb. 23 (Sunday) at Rotary West Hall in Saraswathipuram here.

Dr. Shivanna, a former member of the post-graduate Department of English Teaching Faculty at Manasagangothri, obtained his Doctorate from the University of Mysore. During his teaching career, he directed and produced several plays in English for the Department.

Founder-Member of Mysore Literary Association, he served as its Vice-President for a few years. A practical, liberal and secular thinker with a thirst for knowledge in various spheres of learning and activity, he remains a keen participant in MLA.

Subject of his talk

Many new developments and discoveries have taken place regarding the vast universe and our planet Earth in recent years.

The speaker will dwell on the consequences and influences of these happenings.

He intends to elaborate on these aspects followed by a short power-point presentation to illustrate and highlight the issues.

There will be an interactive session after the talk, says MLA President Prof. K C. Belliappa.

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Last year's level **90.70 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.64 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.09 feet**
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REALLY...?

- *Cats have up to 100 different vocalisations — dogs only have 10.*
- *When your cat sticks his butt in your face, he is doing so as a gesture of friendship.*
- *Cats spend most of their day sleeping and grooming.*
- *Cats age much faster than humans.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Housewife: *I will give you food if you chop that pile of wood over there.*

Beggar: *Let me see the menu first !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 86.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 109.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.61
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.72

VOICE OF THE READER

Barricades on Highway are against road safety

Sir,

With reference to the recent road accident on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway near Channapatna (Car lands atop another car, *SOM* dated Feb. 18, 2025), placing barricades on highways is unacceptable from a road safety perspective.

I had highlighted this concern in my letter published in this column *(Why barricades on Highways?, Dec. 2, 2024)*. While this accident resulted in damage to both vehicles, we must be thankful that no lives were lost. But who is responsible? The pourakarmikas or their supervisor, for potentially overlooking road safety? Or the driver of the trailing car, for not slowing down upon noticing the slow-moving vehicle ahead?

Regardless of the purpose, placing barricades on highways — where vehicles travel at high speeds — is a dangerous practice. If barricades must be placed in emergencies, proper sign boards should be installed well in advance to alert drivers, allowing them enough time to slow down safely and prevent accidents.

I hope the local Traffic Police will raise awareness among those responsible for highway maintenance to prevent such incidents from recurring in the future.

— Dr. S.V N. Vijayendra,
Ex-Traffic Warden & Former Member, City Traffic Advisory Committee, Mysuru
Camp: North Carolina, USA
18.2.2025

MCC struggles to collect Rs. 252 cr. water bill dues

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MK&BS)- A staggering Rs. 252 crore in water bill arrears owed to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) remains uncollected, with the majority of defaulters being Government Departments. The list of pending dues is growing endlessly, prompting MCC officials to form multiple teams with set targets to expedite collection. To counter the financial strain, the MCC has also suspended some ongoing projects.

Gram Panchayats (GP) alone owe Rs. 23.63 crore (Rs. 23,63,76,066), followed by the Railways with Rs. 19.92 crore (Rs. 19,92,35,832), Department of Education with Rs. 1.42 crore (Rs. 1,42,71,139), Department of Health and Family Welfare with Rs. 1.73 crore (Rs. 1,73,12,152), City Police with Rs. 8.04 crore (Rs. 8,04,80,123) and District Police with Rs. 1.31 crore (Rs. 1,31,80,902).

In addition, several lakhs of rupees are pending from Public Works Department (PWD), Department of Prisons & Correctional Services, Department of Social Welfare, Department of Small Scale Industries, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Ltd., and Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL), posing a significant challenge for the MCC.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif convened a meeting with officials from Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), the water supply wing of MCC, instructing them to expedite the collection of outstanding water bills and issuing notices to defaulters before forming dedicated teams for arrears' collection.

Meanwhile, VVWW officials assured that drinking water supplyin MCC limits would not be impacted during summer. They confirmed that daily water needs are being met and work on Hale Unduwadi drinking water project, aimed at providing water to Mysuru and surrounding villages, is progressing as planned.

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New office-bearers of Shroff Varthakara Sangha

The Annual General Meeting of Shroff Varthakara Sangha, a prestigious Association of Jewellers in Mysuru since 1944, with its Office located in Lashkar Mohalla, was held recently. On the occasion, Adarsh K. Murthy of A. Shankara Chetty and Sons was elected as 23rd President of the Sangha. Seen are (from left) Jewellers Venkatesh (Director), T.A. Harshanandana (Vice-President), C.S. Amarnath (Secretary), Adarsh K. Murthy (President), K.S. Venkatesh (Joint Secretary), Badri Prasad and Sudhir (Directors).

Meenakshi Negi becomes Karnataka's first woman PCCF

Bengaluru, Feb. 22- Meenakshi Negi, a 1989 batch IFS Officer of Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Karnataka, Bengaluru, with immediate effect, relieving Subhash K. Malkhede from concurrent charge.

Meenakshi

With this appointment, Meenakshi becomes the first woman IFS Officer to head State Forest Force. She is currently the second woman PCCF in the country after Maharashtra's PCCF, HOFF Shomita Biswas.

A native of Uttarakhand, Meenakshi Negi was serving as a Member-Secretary of National Women's Commission at New Delhi for the past two years.

Earlier, during her postings in Karnataka, she had served as a DCF at Ballari, Chikkamagalur, Mandya and other places, before her deputation to the Centre, where she served as a Joint Secretary of AYUSH Department.

Meenakshi Negi's husband Vijay Sharma, also an IFS Officer of Karnataka cadre, retired from service in January last.

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NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its tower line works across River Kapila at 66/11 KV Nanjangud Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply on Feb. 23 from 7 am to 2 pm in the following IP routes: EHT consumers, Kallahalli Industrial consumers, SIPM, NJY, Goddanapura, Maraluru IP and Gandhigrama, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

Story-telling through clay modelling

The Books & Brews Library is organising an engaging story-telling session, followed by a clay workshop with the versatile Sangeetha Ramakrishnan at Books and Brews Library in Gokulam on Feb. 23 from 11.30 am to 1 pm. Sangeetha is a studio potter with an intuitive understanding of clay as a medium for self-expression. Our young audience will get the chance to create their imaginary story world with clay and then narrate the story to their peers. This will be a unique experience for children. No age limit. For registration, contact Mob: 84335-53734.

Ayurveda Camp

A medical camp on Abnormal Uterine Bleeding is underway at JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, from Feb. 21. The camp will be held till Feb. 28 from 9 am to 4.30 pm. Women with complaints of heavy menstruation, irregular cycle, Uterine fibroids, polyps, PCOD, endometriosis, adenomyosis, etc. can avail the benefit of the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 95918-10699.

Ph.D awardees

Shankaraiah has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Periyapatna Talukina Devalayagalu Mattu Shasangala - Samskruthika Adhyayana (Arambhadinda Vijayanagara Kaladavarege)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Prabhu.

Chikku Balachandran has been awarded Ph.D. in Library and Information Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'An Analysis of Content Similarity in Library and Information Science Theses Submitted to Universities in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.S. Harinarayana.

Fire at Chamundi Hill destroys 35 acres of forest: DCF

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&BS)- Fire at Chamundi Hill forest here yesterday, has destroyed 35 acres of area, with no loss to the lives of wild animals and no major destruction of flora and fauna, except for two dried up trees.

DCF, Mysuru, Division, Dr. K.N. Basavaraju explained the media persons about the incident and action taken, at Aranya Bhavan, in the city this morning.

DCF Dr. Basavaraju said, it is an act of miscreants, and a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered in this regard. The mobile phone networks that were active during the fire mishap are also being assessed, as part of the investigation into the incident.

Saying that, no major fire had occurred at the hill after the year 2020, DCF Dr. Basavaraju said, precautions had been taken by building 65 km of fire line. Besides, awareness was created among the tourists, devotees and residents of the hill, against throwing un-extinguished cigarette and beedi butts, indiscriminately in the hill area, displaying their social responsibility.

Regarding the incident, DCF Dr. Basavaraju said, as the fire occurred at the area of the forest replete with gorge and a rocky surface, the operation to douse the fire was indeed challenging. Moreover, the wind was blowing at the speed of about 45 km and maximum temperature was recorded between 30 and 32 degree Celsius that aggravated the flames further.

"By 11.30 pm, fire was doused, bringing the situation under total control," said DCF Dr. Basavaraju.

As an additional measure, four teams have been constituted to check the cinders and extinguish them with a spray of water. One fire tender and three Quick Response Vehicles have been deputed. That apart, aerial survey was conducted through drone camera, at about 11.30 am today. There are no traces of wildlife deaths," clarified Dr. Basavaraju.

Amid this, two adult leopards along with two cubs, were spotted near Devikere atop the hill in the morning, said DCF Dr. Basavaraju.

The fire had erupted at two different places of the forest at about 12.30 pm yesterday, that engulfed the forest area in no time, with the already dried up vegetation due to summer heat, covering the forest area near the turn at Lalithadripura lake and the road leading to Jwalamukhi Sri Tripurasundari Amma Temple at S. Uttanahalli.

By the time, the Forest personnel on regular patrolling at the forest area reached the spot, the speed of the wind had spread the flame further, changing its course in no time. As the operation to douse fire began near Lalithadripura lake area, the flame had spread towards the forest area winding towards Uttanahalli too. The hundreds of Fire and Emergency Services personnel and Forest men, risked their lives to combat the fire, as the raging flame had touched the peak of the hill, keeping the residents atop the hill on tenterhooks.

Though the severity of the flame followed by the billowing thick smoke posed a bigger challenge, the Fire and Forest personnel aided by the volunteers, took part in the operation. On the other hand, vehicle traffic was restricted on Uttanahalli-Chamundi Hill road, as a precautionary measure.

Four fire tenders from various Fire Stations in the city were deputed to extinguish the fire, along with one each from T. Narasipura and Srirangapatna Fire Stations, that were joined by Five Quick Response Vehicles (QRV) of the Forest Department, in the Operation to douse the fire.

Conservator of Forest (CF) Dr. Malathi Priya, DCFs Dr. K.N. Basavaraju and Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda, Forest Department officials, Regional Fire Officer (RFO) Jayaramaiah, District Fire Officer Chandan and other officials supervised the operation.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel dousing the fire atop Chamundi Hill yesterday.

War Memorial gains momentum with polishing work in full swing

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&BCT)-The construction of the War Memorial at NCC Parade Grounds near the old Deputy Commissioner's Office along Mysuru-Hunsur Road in the city, which had been progressing at a slow pace, has now gained momentum.

The polishing of large black stone slabs, meticulously carved for the memorial, is currently underway. The memorial's construction had been stalled for a while.

However, the required slabs have now been shaped and are being systematically assembled in the basement area of the site. The polishing work has commenced, giving the slabs a striking lustre suitable for the memorial.

Polishing in phases

For the past three to four days, the slabs have been undergoing a phased polishing process. After being polished twice, the slabs are carefully lowered using a crane, reassembled in the basement and polished once more.

Six skilled craftsmen from Tamil Nadu, renowned for their expertise in stone carving, are handling the intricate polishing work. The War Memorial is expected to reach its final stage within the next 15 days.

The final slab of the memorial will prominently feature the logo of the Indian Armed Forces. Additionally, emblems representing the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Indian Navy and Indian Paramilitary Forces will be carved into the slabs. These logos and inscriptions will be engraved in gold colour, enhancing the memorial's grandeur.

Traditional circular basement design

The basement of the War Memorial is designed in a traditional circular pattern, with stairways built in four directions. An adjacent area has been designated for displaying war equipment, including battle tanks, aircraft, ships and guns used in battles. The Indian Army has agreed to provide the necessary equipment for this display.

Retired Army Officer and senior KAS officer C.L. Anand, who is supervising the site, has already initiated the necessary arrangements for acquiring the war equipment. Once the memorial construction is completed, the used war tanks, guns and other equipment will be brought to Mysuru for display.

Formerly the Commissioner of Mangaluru City Corporation, Anand was transferred by the Government and has not been assigned a new position since.

For the past 15 days, he has been in Mysuru, overseeing the War Memorial's construction. Anand visits the site daily, closely supervising the polishing work and providing valuable guidance and suggestions to ensure the memorial's timely completion.

Landscaping to commence soon

We aim to complete the War Memorial construction in Mysuru at the earliest. A Panchaloha emblem will be installed on the memorial and its crafting is currently underway. High-quality stone, donated by a quarry in Chamarajanagar and valued at crores of rupees, has been precisely cut for the memorial and is now being assembled and polished. Greenstone slabs from Hassan have been brought in for assembly around the basement area of the memorial. Additionally, landscaping efforts, including planting trees and greenery around the site, will commence once construction is completed. These initiatives are already in progress. **—C.L. Anand, Senior KAS Officer**

Vedike stages dharna seeking internal reservation

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (GA&DM)-Demanding introduction of internal reservation among SC Communities before making any new appointments and filling up backlog vacancies, the Karnataka Samaajika Nyayapara Vakeelara Vedike staged a day-long demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

Addressing the protestors, the Vedike President and senior Advocate S. Arun Kumar said "The introduction of internal reservation among SC Communities as per the order of the Supreme Court does not go against the aspirations of the Constitution nor does it violate Article 341 of the Indian Constitution.

The then State Government set up the Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commission in 2005 to collect empirical data of SC Communities. The Commission after collecting empirical data and details and statistics of other aspects concerning all SC Communities, submitted its report seven years later in 2012.Thereafter, the BJP Government in 2023 and the subsequent Congress Government in 2024 accepted the report, indicating that they had no objections to the implementation of the recommendations of the report. Even the Siddaramaiah Government at its cabinet meeting held on Oct. 28, 2024, decided not to make any new appointments or fill up backlog vacancies internal reservation is fixed".

But now the Government is going ahead for filling up backlog vacancies in violation of its own Cabinet decision, which is condemnable. The Government should get an interim report based on Justice Nagmohandas and Justice A.J. Sadashiva Commissions' recommendations, said Arun Kumar.

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This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned and described in the schedule here below from its owner, **Sri. K.B. Kumar,** son of Late Buddi Gowda (hereafter referred to as "Owner"). The Owner represents that the Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and he has not entered into any sort of agreement/MOU/Deeds etc., for sale/transfer of the Schedule Property. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest with respect to the Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Nos. 3844/3 M-9/1** and **3844/4 M-9/2, new property No. 44-2-537-30** comprising a commercial building measuring **1041.628436 square meters** of built-up area, situated at Anegundi Road, Bannimantap, Tilak Nagar, Mandi Mohalla, in ward No. 44, Mysore, measuring on the **East to West (197+163)/2 feet, North to South 160 feet, measuring in total 28,800 square feet** or **2675.618 square meters** and is bounded on the:

East by : Road;
West by : Road;
North by : Property bearing Survey Nos. 3844/2-M9 & 3844/2A/M-9/A;
South by: Road.

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Mysuru aims top slot in SSLC results: DDPI

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (PM&DM)-With the SSLC exam (2024-25) fast approaching, the Department of School Education convened a meeting at the DDPI Office to strategise ways to significantly improve SSLC results in Mysuru district this year.

DDPI S.T. Javaregowda presided over the meeting, which was attended by all Block Education Officers (BEOs), Block Resource Coordinators (BRCs), Nodal Officers and other staff from the School Education Department.

The SSLC exam is scheduled from Mar. 21 to Apr. 4, with over 30,000 students from the district registered to appear. Mysuru district has 276 Government High Schools, 124 aided schools and 289 private schools following the State Board syllabus.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, DDPI Javaregowda revealed that the aim is to place Mysuru among the top 5 districts in State for SSLC results this year, with initiatives already underway.

He highlighted that a 50-point programme has been developed to achieve this goal. An action plan has been crafted to conduct special coaching classes for students who failed or barely passed the SSLC preparatory exam.

Javaregowda stated that he reviewed the progress of these special coaching classes and instructed all BEOs to focus on enhancing learning abilities among these students.

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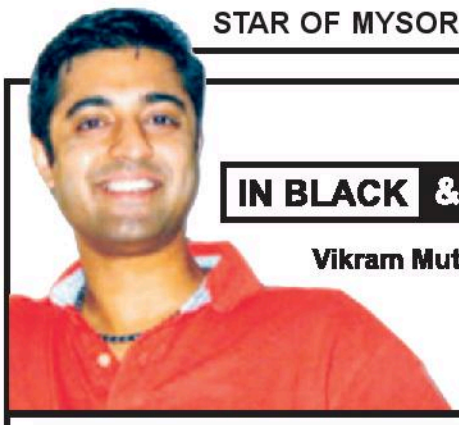

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Vikram Muthanna

God cannot save Bengaluru, but... Mysuru can

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) on Wednesday, speaking of Bengaluru's traffic nightmare, sparked a controversy when he said, *"Bengaluru can't be changed in two or three years. Even God can't do that. It can be changed only when proper planning is done and executed well."*

DKS is correct, God cannot fix Bengaluru's traffic problems. It's not God's job. But it is his Government's job. That is why the inscription on the Vidhana Soudha reads *"Government Work is God's Work."*

Yet, it seems that instead of undertaking this sacred duty, politicians have embarked on projects that often resemble more of an ungodly diversion than a genuine solution. Take, for example, the ambitious underground road project announced in 2023.

The Deputy CM had said the Government would float a global tender within 45 days to construct nearly 190 kilometres of tunnel roads in Bengaluru — a vision seemingly borrowed from Singapore's now defunct infrastructure playbook.

We should be a worried lot. Although at first glance, the idea of sleek, subterranean highways may strike one as innovative. However, a closer look reveals a slew of practical challenges.

We are still grappling with building efficient, well-maintained roads on the surface. How, then, can we confidently engineer an elaborate network of tunnels beneath the city?

The track record of our urban infrastructure projects offers little reassurance. Consider the "magic boxes" — those 30-foot underpasses that during monsoons turn into veritable "tragic boxes," where vehicles and pedestrians alike risk being trapped or even swept away.

If these modest structures are prone to disaster, the safety concerns multiply exponentially when contemplating a 190-kilometre labyrinth beneath our feet.

Safety, indeed, is paramount. Underground roads require a sophisticated infrastructure of emergency exits, robust ventilation systems, continuous monitoring and a dedicated emergency response team.

The stark reality is that all these safety measures demand significant financial and technical investment — resources that are already stretched thin with all the freebies that this government has doled out.

Add to this the labyrinth of undocumented underground water pipelines, drainage systems, gas lines and fibre optic cables, the feasibility of such a project becomes even more dubious.

For Bengaluru, replete with political changes, corrupt tender procedures and the notorious kickback culture, maintaining strict timelines and budgets for such an ambitious project seems almost fanciful.

One must ask: is it wise to invest billions in an underground network when similar ventures — like Singapore's underground road system — were scrapped in 2017 as unviable?

Singapore's Urban Redevelopment Authority ultimately decided that the funds would be better allocated to developing clean, safe and efficient public transportation.

Indeed, good public transport helps but sadly, at the rate of our population growth public transport is not the solution as London has proved.

London has a very extensive public transport system. Yet it figures at the top of the heaviest traffic congestion index list.

So, what is the answer to decongesting a city? The answer is building new cities or developing tier-2 cities for growth.

If Bengaluru has to be saved, if Karnataka wants to continue to attract investments, then Mysuru is that saviour city.

Megacities have their limits. Bengaluru's relentless growth has created what economists refer to as 'agglomeration diseconomies'— a point where the concentration of firms and people, while initially spurring productivity, eventually sows the seeds of congestion, skyrocketing housing costs, pollution and even crime. Bengaluru clearly has reached its optimal capacity as a liveable metropolis.

It would be wise for our Government to take the advice of people like Economist Ruchir Sharma, who, in his book 'The Rise And Fall Of Nations' said that creating new cities with a population of 10 lakh or over is essential.

According to Sharma, such cities become the desired growth engines with their cost advantage in labour and land. They can help reduce the burden from other megacities such as Bengaluru, which are well above their optimal size limit.

The Dy.CM must work on this as a long-term solution where he has to build Mysuru or even Hubballi or Dharwad to decongest Bengaluru.

Mysuru seems like the ideal city to decongest Bengaluru — It has highway connectivity, it has double rail track, it has airport, it has similar weather and it has water.

All that the government has to do is prep-Mysuru — This means investing in long-term metro plans, overhauling drainage and stormwater systems and creating expansive open spaces to act as the city's lungs.

Perhaps, it is high time to take the long-overdue 'Greater Mysuru' plan seriously.

It's time for a paradigm shift — from patching up an overburdened Bengaluru to building a network of thriving, well-planned cities.

And in this grand vision, Mysuru isn't just an option; it's the beacon of hope that can truly save Bengaluru... but are our political Gods listening? If they're deaf then... God save us.

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District Minister inaugurates
two-day expo by women entrepreneurs

A view of stalls at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium.

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MTY&VNS)- The two-day exhibition and sale of products manufactured by women entrepreneurs and organised by Department of Industries and Commerce, District Industries Centre in association with Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), was inaugurated by Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, here this morning.

The organisers have set up a total of 84 stalls where a wide range of products including variety of readymade dress, dress materials, household decorative items, sarees, candles, earthen lamps, wood inlay works, traditional snacks among others have been displayed.

The expo will be open for visitors from 10 am to 6 pm.

Women entrepreneurs from Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar have been given priority to display their products with entrepreneurs from Bengaluru, Tumakuru and Kalaburagi also taking part.

KASSIA has announced a reward to the Best Woman Entrepreneur during the two-day expo.

Karnataka State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee Vice-Chairperson Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, KASSIA President M.G. Rajagopal, Vice-President B.R. Ganesh Rao, Joint Secretary (Rural) N. Satish, Women Empowerment Committee Panel Chairperson S. Latha, Vice-Chairperson Usha Rani, members Rama Subramanian, Sumithra, Srivani, Padma and Rakshitha, Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Bhaskar Naik and others were present.

Dasara Exhibition Grounds to get makeover

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Additionally, 154 stalls will be renovated, a musical fountain will be built and other projects will be undertaken to boost tourism.

Expressing gratitude to CM Siddaramaiah and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan announced that the Chief Minister has directed the organisation to hold exhibitions not only in Mysuru but across the State. In the first phase, exhibitions are planned for Ballari and Belagavi, with discussions set for Feb. 24 with Ballari district officials.

Currently, KEA's 'A Block' houses 154 commercial stalls, which are about 20 years old and are operational only during the three-month Dasara festival. Located at a prime spot for commercial activities, these stalls will be renovated in the style of Belur and Halebid using FRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic) material.

By revamping the area with a heritage-inspired design, the Exhibition Grounds aims to transform this commercial zone into a year-round tourist hub, capitalising on its status as a popular tourist destination.

Proposed design of Cafeteria in A-Block commercial area.

Plans for revenue generation: Ayub Khan revealed plans to showcase arts and culture from within the State and other regions by organising exhibitions for at least 10 to 15 days each month, excluding the Dasara period. This initiative is projected to generate an annual revenue of approximately Rs. 1 crore.

To enhance tourist attractions, the State Government has allocated Rs. 10.09 crore for the necessary development of 'A Block' within the exhibition premises.

Musical and light fountains, a major draw at the exhibition, are set for a complete overhaul. The existing fountains, about 29 years old, have lost their appeal despite annual repairs costing Rs. 35 lakh during Dasara. The revamped fountains will operate throughout the year with an evening entry fee, potentially generating an annual revenue of Rs. 15 crore.

The press conference was attended by KEA CEO K. Rudresh, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Corporators K.V. Mallesh and Raghu Raj Urs.

Advocate seeks security for Palace Board Dy. Director

T.S. Subramanya

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Alleging that the previous Palace Board Deputy Director P.V. Avaradi was mentally harassing the current Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, city Advocate R. Ramesh has written to the Mysuru Regional Commissioner to provide adequate security to T.S. Subramanya, so that he can discharge his duty without any hurdle.

In his letter, Ramesh alleged that, Avaradi has been harassing Subramanya by filing false complaints with the Government and Lokayukta, through some others, in order to get Rs.3.5 crore illegally from New Delhi based M/s Narrowcasters Company, that has provided Audio Guide service to Mysore Palace.

Noting that as the case comes under the Kannada and Culture department, the Regional Commissioner handed over the case to the Principal Secretary of Kannada and Culture department, along with his (Ramesh) letter, documents and the investigation report regarding the Audio Guide service. Following the report, T.S. Subramanya has got a clean chit by the Lokayukta and the Government, advocate Ramesh said.

Claiming that the complaint accusing T.S. Subramanya of causing losses to the Palace Board to the tune of crores of rupees by embezzlement of Palace entry ticket fee and Vehicle parking fee by using bogus ticketing machines, is baseless, Ramesh maintained that, the Palace Board revenue has only increased after Subramanya took over as its Deputy Director.

"Prior to Subramanya taking over the charge, the Palace Board account had a Bank deposit of just Rs.19 crore. Now, 10 years later, the Bank deposit stands at over Rs. 120 crore, which is testimony to Subramanya's transparent style of functioning", he said while rubbishing the charges that Subramanya had tampered the entry fee ticketing machine server for embezzlement of money.

Continuing, Ramesh said that the tickets with a bar code are issued only through hand-held machines purchased by the Palace Board and as such there are no ways for irregularities or embezzlement. The fee collected everyday will be entered in the register and credited to the Palace Board account and the GST is also paid as per rules.

Pointing out that the State Chief Secretary heads the Palace Board and the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner functions as the Executive Officer and Member-Secretary of the Board, Ramesh said that Subramanya has been functioning as per rules and regulations. Asserting that Subramanya cannot function as per his own will, he alleged that despite this, he is being harassed by levelling false charges against him.

Meanwhile, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said "Following a Government directive, the Regional Commissioner conducted a probe into the audio guide service provided by New Delhi based Narrowcasters Company to the Mysore Palace. The probe report said that the tender process blatantly violated norms and as such a higher level of probe was needed. This apart, the matter is now in the Court and as such, money cannot be paid to the Company. I have to act as per the Court order and the Palace Board decisions. Despite knowing this, Avaradi has been mentally harassing me. The Lokayukta report has absolved me of all the charges made against me".

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Objection Raised to Public Notice
Dated : 15.02.2025

Our client Smt P. Padma, D/o. Late Puttaiah and Late Venkatalakshmamma, got to know though public Notice dated 15.02.2025 that Smt. Abhigna Tulasi and others has entered an agreement of Sale on 10.01.2025, with Mr. Ramesh P, Smt. Lakshmi, Mr. Varun, and Mr. Kiran with respect to schedule property.

Our client here by **is raising objection through this public notice** to any transaction of sale Intended to be done by Mr. Ramesh and others, in favour of Smt. Abhigna Thulasi or any person whom so ever, since our client is having 1/5 Share over the schedule property. **Hence this objection is raised cautioning Prospective purchaser venturing to Purchase** / In spite of publicly raised objection to public notice if any one ventures for purchase of the schedule property, they might end up with legal Tangle.

SCHEDULE

Immovable property i.e. House property Bg D. No 1064 New No K3 1064/1 K3/1 Situated at Vani Vilas Road Chamaraja Mohalla Mysore, measuring East to West 17.830836 meters and North to South 15.095250 meters in all 269.1609 Sq Meters bounded on East by : Property owned by Mrs. Krupa A, West by : Property owned by Mr. B.S. Puttaswamy, North by : Property owned by Mrs Krupa A and South by Vani vilasa Road.

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Date : 21.2.2025, Place : Mysuru

Rs. 14.65 cr. makeover planned for Kalamandira

Kannada and Culture Department hopeful of getting budgetary grants in the coming outlay

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Kalamandira, the cultural landmark of the city, was established 40 years ago, but the inept maintenance of the auditorium has taken the structure towards its present poorly managed condition.

The Department of Kannada and Culture has submitted a proposal for taking up the complete renovation works of the auditorium, at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.65 crore. The project related to renovation of Kalamandira is expected to be announced in the forthcoming State budget.

Kalamandira shares space with Rangayana, the State's first repertory, but has been buzzing with myriad cultural activities throughout the year. With the auditorium exposed to sun and rain for four decades, it is waiting for repair, triggering the inevitable situation of taking up the renovation works.

The Kannada and Culture Department has submitted the proposal under the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy.

The Social Welfare and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had raised the issue of taking up the renovation works of Kalamandira during the visit of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, to attend a event here.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, under whose Assembly Constituency the Kalamandira is situated, had also submitted a memorandum to the CM in this regard. The CM had responded positively, asking for a proposal pertaining to the renovation works of Kalamandira.

In a detailed inspection of the auditorium, DC Lakshmikanth Reddy had issued certain directions to the Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

Ever since the construction works of Kalamandira completed in the year 1985, no major repair works of the building has been taken up till date. There has been a seepage of water from the roof and the paint has lost its sheen and the ceramic tiled floor has to be changed. Among 400 chairs in the balcony, majority of them require repair, except for seven to eight chairs. About 60-70 chairs in the ground floor should be changed and the toilets also need repair. Kannada and Culture Minister has also endorsed the need for repair of Kalamandira.

—**Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Kannada and Culture Department**

Since past several years, the art patrons had been vociferously complaining about the pathetic state of Kalamandira. Barring the patch up works taken up at times, no major works for the uplift of the auditorium had been initiated.

The galleries of Rangayana are also in a pathetic state, prompting the emergent need for restoration. The Guest Houses of Kalamandira built for World Kannada Literary Meet held in the year 1985, is also in a similar state, and reduced to an abandoned bungalow.

Turn back to Kalamandira, the seating facility deserves no mention, but the authorities concerned are hopeful that the CM will make budgetary allocations for renovation works.

The monthly electricity bill of Kalamandira is about Rs. 1.5 lakh and to avoid the expenses, it has been planned to establish a 50 kw Solar Energy unit. The roof top solar unit can be set up on the terrace of Kalamandira, which is vast in size. If the solar energy is tapped on the expected lines, it is expected to save 80 percent of the amount spent towards the electricity bill, with the plans to sell remaining quantity of solar power to Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) limited.

The renovation works also include pipeline repair, electricity lines, air-conditioner, hi-tech toilet, replacement of chairs in the balcony of the auditorium, a touch of modern to acoustics and lighting arrangements among several other works planned, suiting the modern times.

During World Kannada Literary Meet held in the year 1985, 23 Guest Houses had been built near Kalamandira. However, in the year 1989, Kalamandira, that was under the ambit of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), was handed over to Kannada and Culture Department.

If the Guest Houses are restored, they can be useful to accommodate the dignitaries during Dasara and other prominent occasions, instead of putting them up at the hotels. It will also help in cutting down the financial burden on Kannada and Culture Department.

The renovation works of B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi, Sriranga auditorium and Lankesh Gallery at Rangayana are also included in the proposal.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Efforts on to rename KRS Road after CM Siddaramaiah: MLA

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (BLU&BCT)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda has revealed plans to persuade opponents to rename Mysuru's KRS Road (Princess Road) as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga'.

Speaking to mediapersons, he mentioned his intention to meet MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to discuss the proposal. Currently, Princess Road is named only from Dasappa Circle to Vontikoppal Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple, with no official name beyond that point, he claimed.

Citing this gap, Harishgowda emphasised his commitment to meeting all stakeholders and convincing them to support the renaming initiative.

Budget: Flyovers at ORR junctions, Intl. Aquarium, Disney Land demanded

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (MK&BS)- Mysuru Hotel Owners Association and Hotel Owners Religious Endowment, have urged the State Government, to give priority for building flyovers at all the five Outer Ring Road (ORR) junctions in the city, along with constructing International-level Aquarium and Disney Land, in the forthcoming budget for the year 2025-26.

In a press release, C. Narayanagowda, President of Hotel Owners Association, has stated that, the funds should be set aside for building flyovers at the ORR junctions on Bengaluru Road, Bannur Road, T. Narasipura Road, Nanjangud Road and H.D. Kote Road. The incomplete aquarium project that was taken up behind Mysuru Zoo should be completed. A International Convention Centre with a seating capacity for 20,000 to 40,000 audience, should be built, along with the Disney Land.

Besides, the Government should announce 4,000 new Excise Licenses in the State budget, demanded Narayanagowda.

'Sahitya Chavadi' at Suruchi Rangamane

Mysuru, Feb. 22- As part of its 'Sahitya Chavadi' programme, Kalasuruchi has organised a talk on Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel 'Crime and Punishment' by writer **O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy** (OLN) at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar tomorrow (Feb. 23) at 10.30 am.

O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy, popularly known as OLN, is a well-known expert on Vachanas, an orator par excellence, an accomplished linguist and an acclaimed translator. He is one of those rare scholars with both an in-depth understanding of both Kannada and English literature and lucidity to convey literary aspects to lay audience. He has translated many great works of world literature to Kannada.

A connoisseur of theatre and a resource person for workshops on critical appreciation of cinema, he is also a poet, columnist and a celebrated critic. Karnataka Sahitya Academy, Rajyotsava and GSS Awards are only a few of the numerous recognitions he has received.

MCC faces financial crisis amid unpaid bills, stalled projects

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh reprimands officers at progress review meeting

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (SBD&BCT)- Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh reprimanded officials over alleged financial indiscipline at the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) during a progress review meeting on Friday.

He was briefed on the current financial status, tax collection and other key issues before he questioned officials about the MCC's financial mismanagement.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif revealed a grim financial picture, disclosing a Rs. 30 crore deficit over the past two financial years and a current demand of Rs. 220 crore, totalling Rs. 250 crore in liabilities. The MCC expects to generate Rs. 350 crore from Property Tax and water charges.

Additional revenue sources include trade licences, building licence fees and grants from both Central and State Governments, setting the MCC's budget at around Rs. 1,000 crore. Ongoing projects are being funded through Government grants and City Corporation's own resources, the Commissioner explained.

15th Finance Commission grants

A tender from the 2020-21 fiscal year is still active, with nine projects nearing completion. However, grants from the 15th Finance Commission for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are yet to be received. During a Council Meeting on Aug. 17, 2023, chaired by the Mayor, an action plan was approved and work has commenced, he said.

However, the Council's tenure ended on Nov. 11, and the first instalment of the year's grant — Rs. 26 crore received in July 2024 — was returned due to the absence of an active Council, leaving previous project bills unpaid, the officer told the Minister.

Consequently, projects that haven't commenced are on hold. Approximately 80 percent of the 2024-25 projects have started, while 15 percent are yet to begin. These projects are now paused, the Commissioner said.

Excluding salaries and maintenance costs, the MCC has Rs. 70 crore to Rs.80 crore available for development projects. However, Rs. 64 crore worth of projects are already underway. Projects valued at Rs. 20 crore have been completed, but their bills are yet to be submitted to the accounts division. Meanwhile, bills worth Rs. 110 crore have been submitted but are awaiting payment, the Commissioner informed the Minister.

Adding to the financial strain, Vani Vilas Water Works pump operators and auto drivers haven't been paid for four months. The MCC faces a dire financial crisis, needing Rs. 50 crore by March to cover wages for workers, security personnel, and maintenance costs for over 350 vehicles. In total, the MCC requires Rs. 450 crore, he added.

Revenue and debt challenges

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy informed Byrathi Suresh that MCC collects Rs. 220 crore in taxes annually, with Rs. 120 crore allocated to maintenance at a monthly expense of Rs. 10 crore to Rs.12 crore. Even without initiating new projects, it would take four years to clear pending bills if Rs. 70 crore to Rs. 80 crore is used for this purpose.

Minister Byrathi Suresh expressed frustration over the ongoing financial woes since 2017 and criticised the lack of remedial action. In response, Shaikh Tanveer Asif revealed that from the financial years 2021 to 2024, there are unpaid bills worth Rs. 110 crore. Even if grants from the 2023-24 Finance Commission are received, an additional Rs. 300 crore would be required to settle old bills.

The Minister admonished the officials, questioning where the immediate funds would come from and accused them of poor financial discipline.

Legislators object to halting projects

MLAs G.T. Devegowda, T.S. Srivatsa and K. Harishgowda opposed halting projects that haven't yet commenced due to the financial crisis. They argued that stopping previously inaugurated projects would raise public dissatisfaction.

Minister Byrathi Suresh acknowledged their concerns, stating that it would be inappropriate to stop projects with foundation stones already laid. He assured that under the Mahatma Gandhi Urban Development Scheme, Rs. 150 crore has been allocated, and pending projects should be included in this funding.

Additionally, Rs. 400 crore has been allocated for 55 kilometres of white-topping and Rs. 45 crore for the development of Kukkarahalli Lake and Dalvoy Lake. In total, these grants amount to approximately Rs. 1,200 crore.

The Minister assured that contractors would be paid in phases and urged MCC to submit proper proposals to navigate the financial crisis.

MCC told to adopt BBMP model of tax collection

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (SBD&BCT)- Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh has ordered the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to adopt the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) model for tax collection, expressing dissatisfaction over missed targets in Property Tax and water bill collection.

He questioned the lack of stringent tax enforcement despite demands for hundreds of crores of rupees in grants. MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif reported that 82 percent of Property Tax and 65 percent of water charges have been collected so far. Efforts are underway to recover the remaining 18 percent of Property Tax, targeting the top 100 tax-payers in each Revenue Inspector's jurisdiction.

The Minister pointed out that in Bengaluru, even a month's delay would result in double the tax being collected and questioned why Mysuru could not implement a similar system. He asked if legislators had ever instructed officials to be lenient with tax collection.

So far, Rs. 210 crore in Property Tax has been collected, with Rs. 30 crore to Rs.40 crore still pending. The Minister pulled up officials for not collecting taxes based on the new SR values.

Implementing new taxation

The Minister instructed MCC to set Property Taxes according to the new SR values and impose penalties for late payments. If payments remain pending, buildings should be locked or electricity and water connections cut off.

Noting that 30 percent of water users are defaulters, he emphasised the need for stringent measures similar to those in Bengaluru, where even a day's delay is penalised.

The MCC Commissioner noted that inspecting buildings and fixing appropriate taxes could boost tax collection by at least 20 percent. In response, the Minister directed MCC Deputy Commissioners to prioritise this initiative.

Over 55 lakh property owners in urban areas across the State are not paying taxes. To address this, authorities are planning to bring them under the tax net using 'B-Khata' records.

However, if legal procedures are strictly followed, these defaulters could continue to evade taxes as long as their properties remain unregistered. Despite having access to water, sewer, and road facilities, their properties are not registered under their names, allowing them to bypass the tax system, he opined.

Boosting revenue

For inherited properties without sale deeds, property accounts can be created using partition deeds or gift deeds. The Minister asked MCC to formulate new regulations to enhance financial resources.

The MCC Commissioner said that a new rule is being introduced to identify properties using electricity and water bills to create property accounts. In the first phase, property accounts will be created based on ownership documents. Subsequently, properties with unpaid taxes, identified through electricity and water bills, will be listed. Officials will conduct on-site inspections and question property owners about unpaid taxes. Based on the documents provided by the owners, Khatas will be created as per the rules, the Minister added.

Obituary

Mohammed Aslam

Mysuru, Feb. 22- Mohammed Aslam (62), Proprietor, Madeeha Transport and a resident of Hanumanthnagar in city, passed away yesterday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Eidgah in Mandi Mohalla this morning followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 22)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** 52nd International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Sri Vangipura Nambi Mutt chief guest, conferring of 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award on Guru Mathura Viswanathan, Founder & Director of Kaladhaara Arts Academy, California, USA; Bharatanatyam performances, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Jayachamaraja Ursu Education Trust (SJUET) - Sri Chamarajendra School for Excellence:** Kala Saurabha-2, Annual Day celebrations, Professor-Poet-Writer Lakshmi Kishore Urs chief guest, SJUET Vice-President Dr. Bharathi Sridhar Raj Urs presides, School auditorium, **4.30 pm.**
- **Hiranmayi Pratishtana and Kaveri Balaga, Mysuru:** Jeevanadi Kaveri Award-2025 Presentation Ceremony, Columnist Bannur K. Raju inaugurates, DIET Principal Purushotham presents award, Artist-Writer Dr. Jamunarani Mirle chief guest, Geeta Gayana by Fathima, Akkana Balaga 5th Cross, Tyagaraja Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari-12 programme, 'Rukminisha Vijaya Saptaha,' written by Sri Vadiraja Gurusarvabhowma, vocal concerts by Vidushi Supriya Praveen of Koppal, **5 pm;** Discourse on 'Rukminisha Vijaya' by renowned scholar and Dewan of Sri Vysaraja Mutt Sri Bramhanyacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru:** Technical Talk on 'The quantum revolution: Past milestones, present breakthroughs and future prospects,' Dr. K.S. Mallesh, former Professor and Chairman, Department of Studies in Physics, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore, guest speaker, Dr. R. Deepu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **The NEST Pre-School:** Fest-2025, Vijayanagar Police Station Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar chief guest, The NEST Pre-School premises, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** P. Kalingarao and Sugama Sangeetha Programme under the direction of Prof. S. Mallanna, poet Jayappa Honnali chief guest, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani vocal recital by Vid. Ashwin Baliga, accompanied by Ramesh Dhannur on tabla and Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Bidaram Krishnappa's Rama Mandira, Narayan Shastry Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Manya Manjunath, accompanied by Vidu. S.A. Divyashree on violin and Vid. Shubang Samaga on mridanga, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Sri Janajagarana Trust, Mysuru:** Sri Ka Sri Nagaraj's 'Vijayi Maharajadhiraja' book release by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Devagitam Charitable Trust:** Interaction with Internationally acclaimed violinist Mysore M. Nagaraj, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Illuminating Windows (IW) Team:** Staging of Neil Simon's play "The Good Doctor," Directed by Srilalitha Pamidipati and Dramaturgy by Deepak Subramanya, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **TiE Mysuru:** Knowledge Series, Master Class on Positioning in 'Today's World'! by N. Ravi Shankar, CEO, Aim High Consulting, Columnist, Author, Speaker, Start-up Mentor and Angel Investor, Yamuna Hall, Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

Ravi Shankar

- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 23)

- **ClearMedi Radiant Hospital:** World Cancer Day 2025 Awareness Programme, opp. Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **7 am.**
- **Madilu Educational Society Trust (MEST) Pre-School:** Aksharabhyasa and Saraswati Puja, **7.30 am to 8.30 am;** Inauguration by Cabinet Advisor PDG Ln. K. Devegowda, Dr. Sri Nischalanandanatha Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Mutturaya Seva Trust President B. Srinivas presides, School premises, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **International Lions, District 317G:** Regional Convention (Region-1), Builders Association of India (BAI), Vishveshwaranagar, **9 am.**
- **Ganabharathi School of Dance and Music:** Annual Day, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, Ganabharathi President H.R. Sundareshan presides, Ganabharathi Vice-President Vidu. Neeraja Achutharao and Ganabharathi Secretary C.G. Ravishankar will be present, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**
- **The Anathalaya:** Debate Competition, **10 am;** Valedictory of Sahitya Sangha 2024-25 and Lokasevanirata V. Narayanarao Smaraka Nidhi, The Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath presides, Maharani's Arts College for Women Asst. Professor Dr. Hemachandra chief guest, Annapoorna Nilaya, The Anathalaya, **4 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Sahitya Chavadi - Talk on Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky's novel 'Crime and Punishment' by writer O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy (OLN), Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Mysore Literary Association:** Talk on 'The Universe and Us' by Academician Dr. H.S. Shivanna, Rotary West Hall, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Gramantara Buddhijeevigala Balaga, K.R. Nagar and Akhila Bharatiya Kannada Sahitya haagu Samskrutika Parishat:** Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Sahityotsava, Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi inaugurates, senior journalist and writer Dr. Bherya Ramakumar presides, senior journalist and writer Amshi Prasannakumar, writer and social worker Dr. Soujanya Sharath and social worker Jubeda chief guests, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Science Foundation, Mysuru:** National Science Day celebration, painting expo (portraits of scientists) by U.G. Mohankumar Aradhya, University of Mysore (UoM) Department of Studies in Sericulture Science Professor Dr. R.S. Umakanth inaugurates, Mysore Science Foundation President C. Krishnegowda presides, Mysore Science Foundation Treasurer MGN Prasad chief guest, **10.30 am;** Expo open to public, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **up to 7.30 pm.**
- **Samudyata Shrotru Sangha:** 13th anniversary celebrations, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy inaugurates, Akashavani Mysuru Dy. Director S.S. Umesh presides, Rotary Hall, Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Karnataka, Mysuru District Committee and Women's Wing:** Mysuru District Women's Convention, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat Srigandha Zonal Pramukh Dr. V. Ranganath presides, BSS Vidyodaya School, Krishnamurthypuram, **10.45 am.**
- **Karnataka Samskrutika haagu Sahitya Parishat:** Dance and Karaoke Programme, conferring of 'Karnataka Kesari' State Award on achievers from various fields, free eye screening and spectacles distribution camp, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, former Chairperson of Kanteerava Studios Vijayalakshmi Urs chief guest, Industrialist & social worker Dr. Sandeep Pande presides, **11 am;** Karnataka Fashion Show, Town Hall, **4 pm.**
- **District Administration and Kannada & Culture Department:** Sevalal Jayanti, Sri Shivaprakash Maharaj graces the occasion, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, lecture by Kalaburagi Excise SP Sriram Devasoth, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
- **The Books & Brews Library:** Storytelling session, followed by a clay workshop with studio potter Sangeetha Ramakrishnan, Books & Brews Library, Gokulam, **11.30 am to 1 pm.** [For registration, call Mob: 84335-53734]
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari-12 programme, 'Rukminisha Vijaya Saptaha,' written by Sri Vadiraja Gurusarvabhowma, vocal concerts by Vidwan Raichur Sheshagiridas of Bengaluru, **5 pm;** Discourse on 'Rukminisha Vijaya' by renowned scholar and Dewan of Sri Vysaraja Mutt Sri Bramhanyacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Jilla Arya Edigara Sangha:** Ramachandra Gupta Endowment and Munnar Krishnaiah Endowment Lecture Programme, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal inaugurates, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Jilla Arya Edigara Sangha President Dr. M.K. Potharaju presides, senior theatre person Dr. Rajashekar Kadamba chief guest, poet and columnist M.S. Rudrappa and Assistant Professor and amateur writer Dr. Paramesh K. Uttanahalli will deliver lectures, Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Jilla Arya Edigara Sangha Hostel, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **V.N. Prasad & Troupe:** PBS-SPB Nite, troupe comprises V.N. Prasad, Dr. M.S. Natashekar, Thyagaraj, Jayanthi Bhat, Hamsini Kumar and Ruthvik Raj; programme will be anchored by Shanti Bharadwaj, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Sri B.M. Subbanna Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. Hemmige S. Prashanth, accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujan on violin, Vid. Bangalore V. Praveen on mridanga (sponsored by Bellur Foundation), Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kaane Adavaru,' directed by Saurav Poddar, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

Kuvempu Sahityotsava

Mysuru, Feb. 22 (DM)- Marking its 40th anniversary, Gramantara Buddhijeevigala Balaga, K.R. Nagar, will be organising a State-level 'Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Sahityotsava' at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) in city on Feb. 23.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Mahesh Joshi will inaugurate at 10.30 am. Balaga President Dr. Bherya Ramakumar will preside. Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, writer Dr. Soujanya Sharath and social worker Jubeda will be the chief guests.

Six works of poets and writers that will be released are 'Hrudayaraaga' by Kodagu poet M.D. Aiyyappa, Pune-based writer Hema Malagi's works 'Hrudaya', 'Kavana Sangama' and 'Kavya Dhaare', Writer Rathna Chandrashekar's work 'Kaavya Taranga' and Advocate B.K. Nutan Kumar's work 'Modala Todalu.'

Mysuru Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Haveri's Environmentalist Jagadish Maharajpet and theatre artiste Prof. H.A. Parshvanath will be feted with Prof. HSK Centenary Award.

Mysuru-based renowned poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar, K.R. Hospital Doctor Dr. J.B. Narendra and Mysuru-based writers Dr. A. Pushpa Iyengar and Vydehi Iyengar will be conferred with 'Suvarna Karnataka.'

SC Welfare Department State Officer D.G. Gurushantappa will deliver a talk on Kuvempu. Dr. K.R. Gautam will inaugurate eye donation camp. Farmer leader Saragur Nataraj will inaugurate environment awareness event.

Also, following achiever couples of different fields will be conferred 'Suvarna Karnataka Apoorva Dampati' award: Dr. M.C. Raju Doddamandiganahalli and Revathi of Hassan; Dr. K.R. Gautam and Dr. Vanishri of K.R. Nagar; Dr. Revanna Ballari and Shakuntala; Gopal Deshpande and Sandhyarani Deshpande, Byadagi; H.K. Obegowda and Kamalamma of Hosa Agrahara & Y.S. Sathyanarayana and Bharathi of K.R. Nagar.

'Vishwamaanya Kannadiga' award will be conferred on Giriraj Honnashettihalli, a senior poet of Hassan; Dr. Soujanya Sharathchandra, a Bengaluru-based woman writer; Eeramandala Harini Vijay, Kodagu actress and writer; Latha Sudarshan of Mysuru's Padmashri Jain Mahila Samaj; Zabiulla Baig, a social worker of Channarayapatna; C. Raghavendra, young entrepreneur; Razak Puttur, lyricist; Sujatha Ravish, noted writer; Hema D. Malagi, Pune-based litterateur, Khader, Police Sub-Inspector of Gokarna in Uttara Kannada district and M.N. Monalisa, a singer.

This apart, Kodagu Poet M.D. Aiyyappa, Physically challenged Poet Bandihole Manjunath, Advocate and poet B.K. Nutan Kumar, writer K.V. Ramesh Kattepura and noted Poetess Rathna Chandrashekar will be conferred 'Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Kavya Chetana' award.

Woman artist Shaya Devisute Maravanthe of Maravanthe in Uttara Kannada and Mysuru-based singer Muttulakshmi Ramachandra will be conferred 'Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Samskrutika Chetana' award.

Farmer leader Saragur Nataraj and K.R. Pet's traditional underground water expert Navilumaranahalli Ramegowda will be conferred 'Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Krishi Chetana' award.

Writer Jayashri Dr. Krishna of Hassan will inaugurate Kuvempu Poets Meet. Physically challenged poet Bandihole Manjunath will preside. Bengaluru-based writer Dr. Soujanya Sharath and USA-based poetess Savitha Ravishankar will be the chief guests.

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TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 22

Australia Vs **England**
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TOMORROW'S MATCH FEB. 23

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Dubai International
Stadium - **2.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

South Africa 315/6 (50 overs) BEAT **Afghanistan** 208 all out (43.3 overs)

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TODAY'S MATCH FEB. 22

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TOMORROW NO MATCH

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Chhaava (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Nilavuku En Mel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddhi (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Eddelu Manjunatha - 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

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Nangu Love Agidhe (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.15 pm
Navami (K)	(S-4)	11.05 am
Olavina Payana (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.15 pm

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Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	11 am
Bromance (Ma)	:	12.30 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	3.25 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Captain America (E-3D)	:	4 pm
Nanagu Love Aagidhe (K)	:	4.30 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	6.40 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.10 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
The Wild Robot (E-2D)	:	9.55 pm

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Chhaava (H)	:	8.40 am, 9.05 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm 10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Forest (K)	:	3.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Eddelu Manjunatha 2 (K)	:	7.05 pm

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Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	11 am, 4.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	1.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	4.10 pm

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Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	11.30 am
Dragon (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	2.20 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	5.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.20 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Senior music patron feted

B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs, senior music patron and President of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Gokulam, being felicitated during Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana and the 38th Annual Day of Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa in V.V. Mohalla recently. Others seen are (from left) Vid. Ramanujam, Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath, Vid. Venugopal, Vidu. R.A. Ramamani, Dr. K.V. Lakshmi Devi of Sri Ramakrishna Speciality Hospital, K.S. Devaprakash, Entrepreneur, Dr. P. Mohandas Bhat, President of Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, Vid. C.P. Vyas Vittal and Keshava Saralaya, Secretary.

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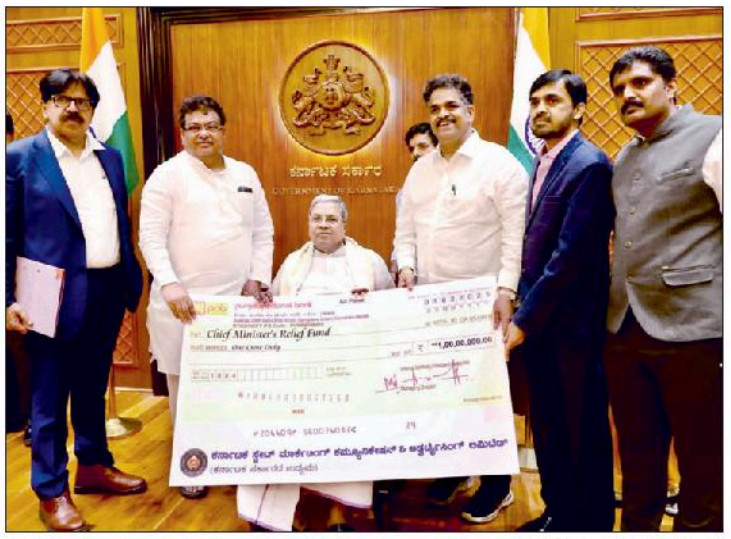

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Bengaluru, Feb. 22 (KS) - Karnataka State Marketing Communication and Advertising (KSMCA) Limited, a State Government Enterprise, providing advertising and other communication related services, has donated Rs. 1 crore from its profits for the year 2023-24 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

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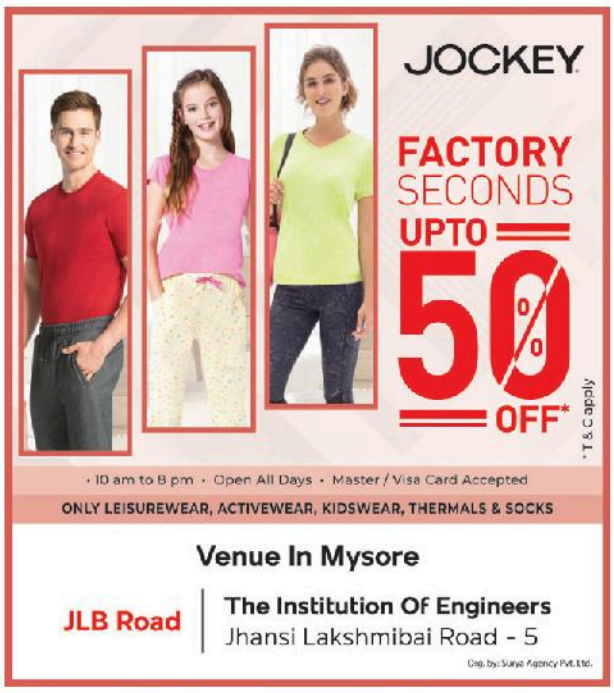
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